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Table 1.--Cotton: Volume of trading, New York Cotton Exchange, April 1963

(100 bales)

Date	All futures	1963 May	1963 July	1963 Oct.	1963 Dec.	1964 March	1964 May	1964 July	1964 Oct.
1963									
April									
1	162	50	37	6	29	22	15	3	
2	260	81	32	51	60	24	11	1	
3	160	23	33	34	45	22	2	1	
4	98	11	16	42	29	0	0	0	
5	506	41	89	119	186	54	17	0	
8	276	23	44	62	90	32	21	4	
9	98	6	12	44	26	9	0	1	
10	97	18	10	24	32	13	0	0	
11	69	10	2	11	31	2	12	1	
15	41	6	2	0	19	10	0	4	
16	7	3	0	2	1	0	0	1	
17	93	13	1	28	13	26	4	6	2
18	67	12	10	11	10	2	7	4	11
19	109	19	25	26	30	1	3	4	1
22	54	14	3	8	8	4	4	6	7
23	65	22	1	3	17	7	12	0	3
24	36	29	0	0	1	0	1	2	3
25	104	37	0	3	38	15	7	2	2
26	98	18	7	4	45	7	14	0	3
29	54	9	7	13	12	6	3	2	2
30	126	16	1	20	60	8	14	5	2
Total									
Apr. '63	2,580	461	332	511	782	264	147	47	36
Apr. '62	2,742	1,075	788	264	259	175	148	19	14

Table 2.--Cotton: Open contracts reported by clearing members, New York Cotton Exchange, April 1963

(100 bales)

Date	All futures	1963 May	1963 July	1963 Oct.	1963 Dec.	1964 March	1964 May	1964 July	1964 Oct.
1963									
April									
1	2,645	583	247	571	851	268	119	6	
2	2,612	542	243	568	852	276	124	7	
3	2,622	521	233	579	869	286	126	8	
4	2,628	517	231	576	884	286	126	8	
5	2,630	489	205	563	920	314	131	8	
8	2,614	469	208	556	930	313	130	8	
9	2,622	469	207	554	942	312	130	8	
10	2,620	457	202	557	953	313	130	8	
11	2,605	447	201	552	952	315	129	9	
15	2,609	446	200	552	959	310	129	13	
16	2,607	443	200	552	959	310	129	14	
17	2,562	436	201	530	958	286	129	20	2
18	2,574	424	201	535	960	286	134	21	13
19	2,547	412	202	527	953	285	132	22	14
22	2,553	402	202	526	954	288	133	27	21
23	2,537	383	201	526	958	281	138	27	23
24	2,517	357	201	526	959	281	139	29	25
25	2,470	326	201	525	945	275	142	30	26
26	2,470	311	202	524	948	276	150	30	29
29	2,475	304	203	527	948	280	152	30	31
30	2,487	284	203	530	959	287	157	34	33

Table 3.--Cotton: High, low, and closing prices, three principal futures, New York Cotton Exchange, April 1963

(Cents per pound)

Date	1963 May future			1963 July future			1963 October future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
1963									
April									
1	34.80	34.63	34.66	34.00	33.76	33.78b-80a	32.95	32.84	32.87b-89a
2	34.64	34.49	34.52-51	33.75	33.60	33.60b-68a	32.76	32.60	32.60
3	34.59	34.51	34.58-59	33.60	33.59	33.60b-65a	32.57	32.45	32.50
4	34.54	34.52	34.53b-54a	33.61	33.50	33.55b-60a	32.52	32.48	32.52
5	34.52	34.42	34.45	33.56	33.25	33.25	32.48	32.07	32.16-15
8	34.41	34.25	34.30b	33.22	32.91	32.95b-33.00a	32.08	31.80	31.88-87
9	34.49	34.38	34.45b-55a	33.13	32.97	33.08b-16a	32.24	31.82	32.14
10	34.72	34.50	34.40b-45a	33.29	33.12	33.14b-17a	32.42	32.25	32.26b-30a
11	34.45	34.38	34.45	33.10	33.10	33.05b-20a	32.28	32.15	32.28
15	34.60	34.50	34.60	33.15	33.15	33.25b-39a	---	---	32.33b-38a
16	34.50	34.50	34.42b-50a	---	---	33.20b-28a	32.30	32.30	32.28b-33a
17	34.50	34.49	34.42b-49a	33.23	33.23	33.15b-20a	32.33	32.29	32.32
18	34.44	34.44	34.42b-44a	33.16	33.15	33.13b-16a	32.35	32.35	32.35b-37a
19	34.59	34.50	34.48b-50a	33.33	33.28	33.25b-30a	32.65	32.55	32.55
22	34.42	34.42	34.40b-42a	33.19	33.15	33.15	32.43	32.25	32.26b-30a
23	34.50	34.41	34.49	33.20	33.20	33.22b	32.35	32.30	32.35
24	34.60	34.53	34.55b-62a	---	---	33.20b	---	---	32.37b-42a
25	34.74	34.60	34.70b-77a	---	---	33.19b-25a	32.46	32.46	32.44b-49a
26	34.74	34.65	34.62b-70a	33.30	33.30	33.30b-35a	32.54	32.49	32.54
29	34.70	34.68	34.70	33.39	33.30	33.33b-37a	32.58	32.53	32.58b-60a
30	34.70	34.70	34.70	---	---	33.20b-30a	32.55	32.35	32.35

Table 4.--Cotton: Volume of trading and open contracts, all futures combined, and closing prices of the 1963 May future, New Orleans Cotton Exchange, April 1963

Date	Volume of trading		Open contracts		Closing prices (100-bale contract) 1963 May Future	
	Port contract	Interior contract	Port contract	Interior contract	Port contract	Interior contract
1963 April	100 bales		100 bales		Cents per pound	
1	0	0	60	0	33.18b-28a	33.26b
2	7	0	53	0	32.96b-33.01a	33.04b
3	0	0	53	0	32.81b	32.90b
4	0	0	53	0	32.80b	32.89b
5	14	0	47	0	32.45b	32.54b
8	10	0	37	0	32.15b-22a	32.23b
9	0	0	37	0	32.37b	32.46b
10	0	0	37	0	32.50b	32.59b
11	2	0	39	0	32.59b-66a	32.68b
15	0	0	39	0	32.61b	32.70b
16	0	0	39	0	32.52b	32.61b
17	1	0	40	0	32.58b-67a	32.67b
18	3	0	43	0	32.62b-71a	32.70b
19	15	0	50	0	32.80b-89a	32.88b
22	2	0	52	0	32.51b	32.59b
23	0	0	52	0	32.61b-67a	32.69b
24	22	0	30	0	32.64b-73a	32.72b
25	6	0	30	0	32.71b-78a	32.80b
26	5	0	31	0	32.80b-87a	32.88b
29	0	0	31	0	32.82b	32.90b
30	5	0	36	0	32.55b-62a	32.63b
Total Volume:						
Apr. '63	92.0	0				
Apr. '62	14.0	5				

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